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Miss M. A. Ellis	1756 Massachusetts Avenue.
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Mrs. Wright. | Miss Ellis.
Mrs. Durant.
And the monthly visitors.

Assignment of Monthly Visitors, 1901–1902.

Dec.	1.	Mrs. Davis.	Dec.	15.	Miss McCallar.
Jan.	1.	Mrs. Storer.	Jan.	15.	Mrs. Bell.
Feb.	1.	Mrs. Durant.	Feb.	15.	Mrs. Bennett.
March	1.	Mrs. Wright.	March	15.	Mrs. Fox.
April	1.	Mrs. Shaw.	April	15.	Miss Chamberlin.
May	1.	Mrs. Davis.	May	15.	Mrs. Bell.
June	1.	Mrs. Storer.	June	15.	Mrs. Bennett.
July	1.	Miss Murdock.	July	15.	Miss McCallar.
Aug.	1.	Miss Ellis.	Aug.	15.	Miss Chamberlin.
Sept.	1.	Mrs. Wright.	Sept.	15.	Mrs. Durant.
Oct.	1.	Mrs. Shaw.	Oct.	15.	Mrs. Fox.
Nov.	1.	Miss Murdock.	Nov.	15.	Mrs. Westcott.

Regular meetings of the Trustees are held at the Home on the second Friday in each month.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE TRUSTEES OF

THE AVON HOME.

In each Annual Report of the Avon Home the question comes to us with renewed force, "How are we doing the work assigned to us by our friends in Cambridge to benefit neglected children within the limits of our city?" We can only answer that, with deepest interest, some mistakes, and many perplexities, we have tried to do our best for the Home.

It is a source of regret to us to lose the services of one of our highly valued Trustees. Mr. Neal has sent in his resignation on account of other pressing engagements.

We have received into the Home since the first of last November only six children in addition to those remaining from last year. Nine have left us — one died; one went to Dorchester Industrial School; one, who still belongs to us, is in the Cambridge Hospital; one has gone to a family, and five to their parents. As it happens, only thirty-seven children are with us this week, between the going and coming, but we have forty children quite regularly. One death — the only one for nine years — is that of a little girl who came to us in a very critical condition, and although she rallied at first with tender nursing, she could not withstand the pressure of coming

teeth and other troubles incident to early childhood. She was a lovely child, and her sweet, wistful face lingers in our memory like a benediction.

We have had this year many blessings for which we are grateful; among them, two legacies — one from Mrs. C. L. Harding, who left us in her will the generous sum of twenty thousand dollars, and the other from the executors of Miss Frances M. Mackay of fifteen thousand dollars. The terms of Miss Mackay's will gave the money to working women and to children. For the latter class the heirs have kindly given our Home the preference. These gifts give us the means of making necessary repairs upon our house, of putting a stone to mark our burial lot in the Cambridge Cemetery, and securing for a longer time the services of a teacher of physical culture. It gives us hope that at no very distant period we may be able to make some advance in the methods of our work. Hitherto we have barely "held our own," with very little progress. Of one blessing we are always sure. Our physicians give us kind and skilful care, and one of them lately gratified us by saying that in his department he had never known the Home in better condition. We have lately added to their number in securing the kindly aid of Dr. Wallace Preble, an ear and throat specialist.

For the last two or three years we have had no money given us for summer excursions, but have enjoyed the use of car tickets, of which we always have a larger or smaller number, and which the Matron uses at her discretion for the recreation of the children. Some of the Trustees have contributed for special excursions. A lawn party given by Miss Gertrude Sheffield gave much pleasure, and some ladies at Clifton Heights included our children with others in a day's pleasure at the seashore. Our Matron,

who has been with us for a year and a half, and takes great interest in the entertainment of the children, took the whole household to Franklin Park for a long day's delight.

On Easter Sunday each child was presented with a plant at St. John's Church, which gave a zest to their gardening and seed planting. Everything which encourages work in the children is very acceptable. One of the best results of last summer's work in physical culture was the teaching of some of the older children to put cane seats into chairs.

Miss Manson and her kindergarten again gave the delight of her Christmas tree, laden with gifts, and the Christmas celebration at the Home was unusually satisfactory.

An account of one very pleasant Christmas offering was accidentally omitted in our Report of last year, but as it was unique we must mention it at this late hour. Our neighbors and friends, Dr. and Mrs. Woodman, gave us a beautiful Christmas tree, and thinking with Lowell that "the gift without the giver is bare," came themselves with their children and dispensed the gifts, thus by making a part of the occasion, increasing its joy and interest. Such sympathy is what we crave.

There has been presented to our permanent fund the sum of five hundred dollars, as a loving memorial to Philip Rogers Bennett. Such a gift brings a double blessing. At the house of some friends of the Home a fair is held each year, which gave us, in December, from the children of the neighborhood, one hundred and eighty-six dollars. The May-day reception and sale was unusually successful, and gave us over one thousand and eighty-three dollars. Some fancy work from some of our older girls was sold for eight dollars; this gave great satisfaction.

We must refer to another column of our Report for our indebtedness to clubs, churches, and individuals for valuable clothing, toys, and milk, beside fruit in its season, and other luxuries. We have seldom been forgotten on any holiday.

We have for a long time earnestly desired to promote the welfare of the children who leave us at an early age. We have hoped that the farm in Concord might prove serviceable in this direction, as a refuge and source of education for our older boys. Such was the desire also of Mr. Huntington, who gave the farm to us. But as this use of "Elmwood" seems impossible for us, we have, with the acquiescence of the donor, offered it for sale. We still wish to make better provision for the older boys than is now possible, and hope as our means increase we may be able to accomplish our object, but perhaps by a different method. Our plans are not yet matured. Every addition to our funds opens to us a new responsibility, and our friends must never consider us rich until we have done our utmost toward making good citizens of these little waifs.

One problem still remains unsolved. What shall be the discipline of the children on whom the loving-kindness of our present methods makes no impression? We do not like to be conquered by children of tender age, yet some come to us so precociously untamable that we are obliged to send them away lest their influence should injure the others who are trying to improve under gentle treatment. Coleridge recommends, to those who "over wayward childhood would hold firm rule," these three elements of success,— love, hope, and patience; and adds:—

"Yet haply there will come a weary day,
When overtasked at length
Both Love and Hope beneath the load give way,
Then with a statue's smile, a statue's strength,
Stands the mute sister Patience nothing loth,
And both supporting, does the work of both."

SARAH S. STORER.
ELIZABETH C. FOLSOM.

At the Annual Meeting of the Corporation, the following action was taken in regard to the death of Mr. JAMES HUNTINGTON.

In grateful memory of the friend of little children, the Trustees of the AVON HOME pass the following resolution: —

Resolved, That the Trustees of the AVON HOME place upon their "Roll of Honor" the name of JAMES HUNTINGTON, not only as the Founder and Benefactor of the AVON HOME, but also because he was an example to us of a man who could "do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with his fellow men."

It was voted that a copy of this resolution should be sent to the family of Mr. Huntington.

FORM FOR LEGACY.

I give and bequeath to THE AVON HOME, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the sum of Dollars, to be used for the general purposes of the Corporation.

PERMANENT FUND OF THE AVON HOME.

Cambridge Horticultural Society Trust Fund	$531.19
Legacy of Mrs. Lucy C. Tyler	200.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary H. Flagg	9,331.91
Holly Tree	4,000.00
Mary Cheever Chandler Memorial Fund	150.00
Donation from Daniel H. Richards	100.00
T. B. Mackay Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Clarissa H. Rindge	2,500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Anna M. Woodman	5,000.00
Gracie A. Smith Memorial Fund	500.00
Mary E. Piper Fund	500.00
Donation from a Friend	2,000.00
Legacy of Moses Wildes, 2d	2,000.00
Elizabeth H. Foxcroft Memorial Fund	303.82
Helen L. Edmands Memorial Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Caroline A. Wood	2,500.00
Legacy of Miss Mary E. Reed	172.13
Legacy of Mrs. Eliza P. Wilson	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Emily A. Burleigh	500.00
Donation from Francis C. Foster	1,000.00
Legacy of Henry R. Glover	1,000.00
Legacy of Samuel Longfellow	500.00
Legacy of Jonathan W. Bemis	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. S. E. W. Brackett	5,000.00
Legacy of Miss Harriet A. Hayes	50.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary E. Waitt	250.00
Legacy of James Mellen	1,000.00
John W. and Belinda L. Randall Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Harriet N. S. Fay	1,000.00
Legacy of Miss Hannah E. Moore	100.00
By gain from exchange of bonds	166.00
Legacy of Charles W. Oxford	500.00
Legacy of Miss Susie M. Ransom	18,020.00
Donation from Mrs. Lucy C. Bemis	250.00
Philip Rogers Bennett Memorial Fund	500.00
Frances Mary Mackay Fund	15,000.00
Legacy of Oliver H. Durrell	1,000.00
Legacy of Miss Lydia M. Palmer	2,000.00
"In Memory of Mother and Girard"	100.00
	$81,727.05

Emergency Fund	$500.00
H. M. S. Fund	46.11
Piano Fund	15.14

The Funds are accounted for as follows: —

Notes secured by mortgages	$8,000.00
Bonds	60,876.80
Railway shares	10,330.75
Savings Bank deposit	1,880.75
Bond Premiums	697.88
Awaiting investment	502.12

Dr. THE TREASURER, *in Account with* THE AVON HOME. Cr.

1900, Nov. 1.		
Balance, Cash on hand from old account		$543.97
Held for Investment		1,134.24
To Cash from year ending November 1, 1901: —		
One half of Thanksgiving Collection at Union Service in First Baptist Church	$5.24	
Prospect St. Congregational Sunday School	10.59	
One half of Thanksgiving Collection at Prospect St. Church	8.85	
Fair at 49 Linnæan Street by Avon Club	186.76	
St. John's Memorial Chapel	100.00	
University Press	10.00	
Prospect St. Congregational Church	15.00	
Proceeds of Whist Party at Mrs. E. D. Mellen's	18.00	
Harvard St. M. E. Church	5.00	
First Baptist Church	10.00	
Primary Class, North Avenue Baptist Sunday School	5.00	
Volunteer Mission Band, North Avenue Baptist Sunday School	5.00	
The Hive	10.00	
First Church Congregational Sunday School	20.00	
Individual Donations	586.00	
Annual Subscriptions	790.50	
Board	290.00	
General Income	3,241.94	
May Sale	1,083.58	
Rent of Concord Farm and Sale of Hay thereon	312.50	
Interest on Piano and H. M. S. Funds	2.08	
Mrs. B. E. H., "In Memory of Mother and Girard"	100.00	
Philip Rogers Bennett Memorial Fund	500.00	
Legacy of Oliver H. Durrell	1,000.00	
Legacy of Miss Lydia M. Palmer	2,000.00	
H. B. and A. M. Goodwin, Exs. for Frances Mary Mackay Fund	15,000.00	
Matured Bonds	5,000.00	
Received on account of Mortgages	2,600.00	
		32,916.04
		$34,594.25

1901, Nov. 1.		
By Cash paid for Expenses of the Home: —		
Salary of Matron and Employees	$2,097.91	
Provisions and Groceries	2,080.21	
Fuel, Gas, and Water	495.98	
Boots, Clothing, and Dry Goods	281.55	
Furniture and House Utensils	145.44	
Improvements and Repairs	707.12	
Druggist	23.35	
Printing	81.75	
Telephone	33.51	
Excursions	20.40	
Insurance	105.00	
Taxes on Concord Farm	115.50	
Sundries	126.03	
Accrued Interest	172.88	
		$6,486.63
Deposited in Savings Bank to credit of Permanent Fund	136.32	
Invested for Permanent Fund	26,972.50	
		27,108.82
The Balance is apportioned as follows: —		
Deposited in Cambridge Trust Company and awaiting investment for Permanent Fund	502.12	
Deposited in Cambridge Trust Company for current expenses	434.79	
Cash on hand	61.89	
	496.68	
		998.80
		$34,594.25

Cambridge, Nov. 8, 1901.

We hereby certify that we have examined the books of the Treasurer, and found them correct and properly vouched. The securities have also been examined and agree with the Treasurer's account.

SANFORD B. HUBBARD,
WILLIAM M. DAVIS, *Auditors.*

MARY A. ELLIS, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

For the year ending November 1, 1904.

Mrs. G. W. Abbot	$5.00	Mrs. L. Goodnow	$5.00
Mrs. A. F. Amee	1.00	Miss A. M. Goodwin	5.00
Mrs. J. B. Ames	5.00	Mrs. H. B. Goodwin	5.00
Miss M. J. Bacon	2.00	Mrs. Asa Gray	10.00
Mrs. S. I. Bailey	2.00	Miss Frances Gray	1.00
Miss Barker	.50	Miss Elizabeth Green	2.00
Mrs. C. A. Batchelder	1.00	Mrs. James Greenleaf	20.00
Miss Maude Batchelder	1.00	Miss Elizabeth Harris	1.00
Mrs. A. R. Bayley	1.00	Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hayes	20.00
Mrs. G. W. Beaman	2.00	Miss C. A. Hedge	5.00
Miss S. C. Bent	1.00	Mrs. J. A. Henshaw	5.00
O. T. Boyd	2.00	Mrs. J. L. Hildreth	5.00
Miss Edith Bradford	2.00	Mrs. S. B. Hildreth	25.00
Miss S. H. Bradford	2.00	Mrs. W. L. Hooper	5.00
Mrs. H. O. Bright	5.00	Mrs. A. A. Howard	2.00
S. J. Brooks	5.00	Miss K. McP. Howe	5.00
Mrs. J. C. Brown	1.00	Mrs. M. G. Howe	5.00
J. G. Brown	5.00	Mrs. C. E. Hubbard	10.00
Mrs. S. E. Buck	2.00	R. J. Hudson	1.00
Miss E. L. Bulfinch	1.00	Mrs. G. P. Johnson	2.00
Mrs. S. G. Bulfinch	1.00	B. M. Jones	5.00
Miss E. C. Bullard	3.00	C. W. Kingsley	100.00
Mrs. W. A. Bullard	2.00	Mrs. G. L. Kittredge	2.00
Mrs. F. J. Bumstead	5.00	Mrs. W. B. Lambert	5.00
Mrs. W. S. Burke	2.50	Mrs. N. F. Lincoln	1.00
Mrs. N. Chamberlain	1.00	Mrs. Atherton Loring	2.00
Mrs. D. U. Chamberlin	5.00	D. G. Lyon	2.00
Miss L. M. Chamberlin	2.00	Miss A. S. Montague	10.00
Mrs. G. W. Colburn	2.00	Miss V. M. Morse	3.00
Mrs. William Cook	5.00	Miss Maria Murdock	10.00
Mrs. L. F. Cornelius	1.00	Mrs. N. C. Nash	5.00
A. McF. Davis	1.00	Mrs. W. H. Neal	2.00
Mrs. W. M. Davis	10.00	Mrs. G. W. C. Noble	5.00
Mrs. M. W. Dewey	1.00	Mrs. F. Odiorne	1.00
Miss A. A. Douglass	5.00	Miss J. W. Paine	15.00
Mrs. Robert Douglass	5.00	Mrs. E. M. Parker	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dresser	15.00	Mrs. F. G. Peabody	10.00
Mrs. W. B. Durant	3.00	Mrs. F. Perrin	1.00
Mrs. C. W. Eliot	5.00	Miss Pike	.50
Mrs. E. R. Ellis	2.00	Mrs. W. T. Piper	5.00
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Mrs. F. I. Eustis	5.00	Mrs. David Proudfoot	1.00
Mrs. Emily Everett	5.00	Mrs. H. C. Rand	5.00
Mrs. G. R. Farrell	1.00	C. C. Read	5.00
Mrs. J. C. Fisk	10.00	Mr. and Mrs. John Read	10.00
Mrs. Norton Folsom	2.00	William Read	5.00
Mrs. F. C. Foster	10.00	Mrs. W. T. Richardson	5.00
Mrs. Jabez Fox	5.00	Mrs. G. F. Ricker	1.00
Mrs. F. B. Gilman	2.00	Mrs. G. B. Roberts	5.00

Mrs. J. L. Ross	$20.00
Miss C. H. Saunders	2.00
Mrs. A. H. Saville	3.00
Mrs. W. T. Sears	5.00
Miss M. T. Sedgwick	5.00
Mrs. M. C. Shaw	2.00
Mrs. George Sheffield	5.00
Miss E. R. Simmons	3.00
Mrs. M. E. Simmons	3.00
Mrs. Chauncey Smith	5.00
Mrs. J. B. Smith	3.00
R. L. Snow	5.00
Mrs. A. F. Sortwell	5.00
Mrs. I. M. Spelman	10.00
Mrs. W. F. Stark	2.00
Misses E. W. and H. L. Storer	10.00
Mrs. R. B. Storer	10.00
Mrs. S. H. Swan	10.00
Mrs. C. H. Taft	1.00
Miss C. A. Taggard	$5.00
Mrs. J. B. Thayer	3.00
Mrs. H. N. Tilton	1.00
C. H. Toy	5.00
Benjamin Vaughan	30.00
F. W. Vaughan	5.00
A. S. Waitt	5.00
Mrs. A. J. Wallace	2.00
Miss C. L. Ware	5.00
Mrs. A. C. Wellington	5.00
Mrs. J. A. Wellington	5.00
Mrs. Henry Westcott	5.00
C. J. White	20.00
Miss Maria Whitney	5.00
Mrs. W. P. Wiggin	5.00
Mrs. Davies Wilson	1.00
Miss Mary Woodman	25.00
Mrs. T. F. Wright	10.00

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.

Miss Anne W. Abbot	$20.00
Dr. M. H. Bailey	5.00
Mrs. J. Q. Bennett	2.00
Miss M. E. Blatchford	10.00
F. R. C.	10.00
Miss E. C. Campbell	5.00
A. A. Carey	25.00
C. T. Carruth	25.00
Mrs. Richard Cary	10.00
C. C. Clarke, Shanghai	25.00
Mrs. J. P. Cooke	3.00
Mrs. L. F. Cornelius	5.00
Mrs. M. M. Cummings	2.00
Mrs. F. S. Cutter	1.00
Mrs. A. L. Devens	5.00
Mrs. W. B. Durant	2 00
Miss Mildred Everett	10.00
T. B. Gannett	50.00
W. W. Goodwin	30.00
Miss Frances Gray	5.00
C. G. Green	10.00
Miss C. M. Harris	1.00
Miss H. R. Holland	5.00
Miss L. S. Hooper	$2.00
Mrs. Estes Howe	5.00
Mrs. J. H. Hubbard	5.00
Mrs. C. W. Kettell	3.00
Mrs. E. L. Lea	25.00
Mrs. G. S. Miller, Peterboro, N. Y.	5.00
W. H. Neal	5.00
The Misses Peabody	50.00
W. T. Piper	25.00
Warren Sanger	5.00
Mrs. George Sheffield	5.00
E. S. Sheldon	5.00
Jeremiah Smith	10.00
Mrs. R. B. Storer	5.00
Mrs. J. G. Thorp	10.00
Mrs. B. Vaughan	4.00
Mrs. Henry Westcott	5.00
Miss Mary Woodman	75.00
The Misses Wyman	5.00
H. D. Yerxa	15.00
A Friend	1.00
A Friend	50.00

Donations of money can be sent to any of the Trustees, or to the Treasurer, Miss MARY A. ELLIS, 1756 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge.

Miscellaneous Donations for the Year ending November 1, 1901.

1900. November. Mrs. F. B. Gilman, a child's folding bed, a rocking chair; Mrs. W. R. King, three pictures; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Howe, a table, a screen, a folding-bed, two barrels of apples; Miss Parsons, eighteen tumblers of quince jelly; Mrs. R. H. Dana, a picture; Mr. B. Vaughan, a barrel of apples; Miss L. A. Whitney, toys and a book; Miss C. Farley, a sateen dress; Dr. E. F. Taft, an overcoat, a sweater; Miss Winlock, six pictures; Mrs. Smith, a barrel of apples, a barrel of squashes; Mrs. C. F. Livermore, copies of "St. Nicholas," "Harper's Weekly," and "Bazar;" Indian Association sale, two boxes of candy; Mrs. G. B. Roberts, three hats; Mrs. Emily Morrison, a child's dress, four tiers, four skirts, two pairs of drawers, two suits of underwear, one waist, six pairs of stockings, three pairs of mittens, one scarf, one hood, a cap, three handkerchiefs; First Parish Church, two turkeys, two chickens, one pound of sugar; Mrs. Storer, a turkey; Mrs. Durant, a turkey and cranberries; Mrs. Westcott, three packages of Brownie crackers; Dr. Wyman, a barrel of apples; Mrs. Howes, oranges, nuts, and raisins; Mrs. Bennett, celery, nuts, figs, and candy; Conant & Stockwell, two turkeys; Cambridgeport Flower Mission, vegetables, fruit, and groceries; Mrs. A. P. Marrett, a boy's overcoat; Mrs. T. B. Ticknor, ice-cream.

December. Mrs. W. B. Wood, two nightdresses, one apron; Mrs. W. Woodman, three suits of underwear, three wrappers; Miss H. R. Holland, "The Youth's Companion" for a year; Mrs. Westcott, oak dining-table, sideboard, and six chairs, for Matron's dining-room; Miss C. A. Taggard, three petticoats; First Parish Church, ice-cream; George G. Page Box Company, forty baskets of cut wood; Mrs. J. Q. Bennett, an overcoat, a pair of trousers, a boy's suit, two shirts, two caps; Miss Ellis, four dozen handkerchiefs; through Miss M. Eustis, four cotton dresses, a woollen dress, two shirt-waists, seven linen collars, three undervests, one pair of boots, two pairs of slippers; Mr. W. T. Piper, five dollars for Christmas presents; Mrs. Bulfinch, two hoods, three pairs of cotton drawers, one set of reins; Mr. J. H. Wyeth, a case of oranges; Miss Daisy Hobbs, a dressed doll; Mrs. Harlow, three pairs of slippers, five dressed dolls, a toy; Miss Anna Tower, four dozen oranges; Mrs. A. P. Marrett, a boy's blouse, two pairs of trousers; Mrs. E. D. Mellen, two large boxes of candy; Mrs. R. N. Toppan, a turkey; Mrs. H. M. Lee, two baskets of apples, paper dolls; Professor and Mrs. Davis, a case of oranges; Mr. F. P. Merrill, a barrel of apples; from "Little Edgar," two turkeys, cranberries, and vegetables; Mrs. R. F. Richards, toys; Mrs. Durant, presents for Christmas stockings; Mrs. John Davis, a doll, toys, games; Miss Helen Munroe, four dolls, toys, games; Mr. W. R. Westcott, forty nickels for the children; Mrs. Folsom, Christmas presents.

1901. January. Master Estlin Cummings, a rocking-horse, a blackboard, a desk, and a carpet-sweeper; Mrs. H. M. Lee, a barrel of apples; Miss Murdock, candy; "The Club," nine flannel nightdresses, four aprons, one afghan; Dr. E. O. Kinsman, two dozen bottles of tooth-powder; Mrs. W. Woodman, one skirt, one shirt-waist, three dressing-jackets, four nightdresses, one cotton wrapper, four shirts, two pairs of shoes, one tie, two felt hats, one cap; Mrs. E. Y. Hayes, package of samples; Mrs. R. N. Toppan, two cotton blouses, one pair of gloves, one boy's suit, one pair of shoes, one pair of trousers; Mrs. H. B. Stearns, two baby-carriages, one rocking-horse, two chairs, one small table, one child's coat, four shirts, eight pairs of

stockings, four infants' nightdresses, two pairs of cotton drawers, one white dress, one petticoat; Marian Read, three scrap-books; "The Bee," five flannel petticoats.

February. Mrs. J. B. Williams, four cotton nightdresses, one pair of boots, one pair of rubbers; "The Club," two flannel nightgowns, three blouses, seven aprons, two dresses; Miss F. Wyman, a double sleigh; Two little girls, a book and cards; Mrs. H. S. Nash, a rocking-horse; "Sewing Club, Limited," ten aprons, eight nightgowns, one roll of cotton batting; Miss W. H. Rogers, ten valentines; "The Hive," three tiers, four flannelette petticoats, two pairs of drawers, two cotton petticoats, four flannelette nightdresses, one cotton waist; Mrs. Kent, two flannelette dresses, one flannelette wrapper, one tier, one cotton blouse, two aprons, three sets of reins; Mrs. Bennett, one boy's suit, two pairs of trousers, five bibs, material for trousers; Mrs. F. I. Eustis, two woollen dresses; "A Friend," eleven flannel petticoats, a case of needles, a spool of silk, three yards of cotton cloth; Mrs. Hill, a box of apples.

March. Mrs. Studley, a cushioned seat, three pictures, a magazine; "The Club," two flannelette wrappers; Miss Alice Wood, one shirt, two petticoats; the First Church (Congregational), seven aprons; Mrs. Baird, two boys' coats, two pairs of trousers, four pairs of stockings, two union suits, two shirts, three pairs of drawers, one petticoat, two pairs of boots, three caps, one tie, one pair of woollen gloves, a mantel-scarf, two games; Mrs. T. B. Gannett, a toy cart with horses, a milk wagon, a fire engine, a "Ferris wheel," and other toys; "A Friend," one child's coat, two pairs of trousers, one suit, ten cotton dresses, six pairs of cotton trousers, two cotton blouses, two wrappers; "O. B. Sewing Club," four flannel petticoats, three woollen blouses; "Margaret Coffin Society," twenty-five hymnals; Mrs. J. B. Williams, a baby-carriage, a push-cart; Mrs. R. B. Storer, half a case of oranges; Mrs. F. I. Eustis, one overcoat, one suit, one pair of trousers, two girls' coats, one woollen dress, one cotton dress, one apron, one blouse, two white guimpes, two waists, one pair of drawers, two hats; Mrs. L. B. Howe, for "Little Helpers" room, a dozen towels; Miss Murdock, candy; Mrs. J. Dorr, two girls' coats, one woollen suit, one cotton dress, two blouses, one pair of boots, one pair of shoes, two pairs of rubbers, three straw hats, twelve books; "No Name Club," eight flannel blouses, one petticoat; Miss L. A. Whitney, three pictures, cards, four napkin rings, three silver thimbles, a puzzle, colored wool; "Basket Club," two cotton dresses, ten tiers, five pairs of cotton drawers; Miss Mackintosh, four cotton dresses, four tiers; Miss M. R. Peabody, four cotton dresses, two flannelette wrappers; Mrs. Louis Agassiz, eight cotton dresses, seven cotton nightdresses, three flannelette wrappers, four infants' nightdresses; Mrs. John Read, milk.

April. Mrs. W. M. Davis, one bedstead, one bureau, three cotton nightdresses, three pairs of cotton drawers; "F. E. U. A. W.," thirteen aprons, one flannelette petticoat; the First Church (Congregational), three flannelette petticoats; New Church Ladies' Aid Society, the making of fifty waists; "The Club," three dresses, two aprons, five blouses; Miss Gertrude Sheffield, Easter candy; "Sewing Club, Limited," seven nightgowns, two aprons; Mrs. W. B. Durant, a jar of jam; "O. B. Club," five flannel petticoats, six flannelette petticoats, two flannelette blouses; Mrs. I. M. Spelman, five cotton dresses, one apron, one nightdress, one pair of drawers; Miss L. A. Whitney, a picture, cards, beads; Prospect Street Church, thirteen flannelette nightdresses, one petticoat; Mrs. R. T. Jackson, four woollen dresses, two cotton dresses, two wrappers, one pair of leggings, one pair of boots, one pair of slippers, two straw hats, seventeen pillow-cases, two scrap-books, cards, a puzzle, a book; "Little Helpers," five rugs, two pictures.

May. Mrs. F. I. Eustis, an overcoat, a girl's coat, a woollen dress, two vests; the First Church (Congregational), one apron; "Basket Club," eleven flannelette skirts; "Spiritual Industrial Society," one skirt, one apron; St. Peter's table, at sale, two large towels; Miss Bertha Stratton, a child's tricycle; "The Club," two flannelette blouses, one cotton blouse, two aprons; "The Bee," eleven flannelette skirts, one nightdress, one apron, two pairs of drawers, one waist, six gingham dresses; Miss M. H. Deane, one shirt-waist, two under waists, one pair of gloves, six pairs of cotton drawers, material for a blouse, a piece of silk, five linen collars, two pairs of cuffs, a silk handkerchief, ties, veils; Mrs. B. W. Taggard, four aprons, one flannelette petticoat; North Avenue Congregational Church, the making of twelve nightdresses; Mrs. J. B. Kempton, paper dolls, candy; "A Friend," one cotton dress; from May sale, two flannelette petticoats, one bib; First Parish Church (Unitarian), an infant's wrapper, a sofa-pillow cover; Miss G. Sheffield, a glass of jelly; through Mrs. J. Thurston, for "Sunshine Room," twenty-four sheets, twelve pillowcases, twelve towels; Mrs. C. P. Strong, four shirts, toys; Miss C. A. Taggard, four cotton dresses; Mrs. Thorp, one girl's coat, one boy's coat, five muslin dresses; Mrs. R. H. Dana, five cotton dresses, one skirt, one child's coat; Mrs. Walter Woodman, one woollen dress, three cotton dresses, two cotton jackets, two shirt-waists, one waist, five pairs of stockings; Mrs. C. K. Hitchcock, one book, copies of "St. Nicholas;" Mrs. S. B. Hildreth, one child's coat; from sale at Home for Aged People, candy, two large boxes of cake; Mrs. Leroy Brown, one boy's suit, two blouses, one pair of boots; Mrs. W. M. Richardson, one woollen dress, four cotton dresses, two white petticoats, one flannel skirt, two felt hats, fifteen pairs of stockings, eight pairs of mittens, two pairs of shoes, three pairs of slippers.

June. "Sewing Club, Limited," four flannelette nightdresses, seven tiers; Miss Alice M. Wood, one hat, one coat, one shirt; Mrs. J. Dorr, two woollen dresses, two flannelette nightdresses, two flannel petticoats, three aprons, seven shirts, two waists, two pairs of stockings, two pairs of boots; "No Name Club," thirteen flannelette blouses; Miss Wyman, three woollen blouses, one pair of boots, one pair of overshoes, one muslin dress, one hat, books; Mrs. Leroy S. Brown, one boy's overcoat; Mrs. A. P. Marrett, one boy's coat; Women's Alliance of the Austin Street Unitarian Church, twelve aprons; Mrs. F. I. Eustis, two cotton dresses, two guimpes, three waists, six shirts, one pair of boots, two pairs of shoes; Mrs. Walter Woodman, three wrappers, one shirt-waist, ten yards of gingham, one pair of slippers, three ties, one silk handkerchief; Mrs. R. H. Dana, one shirt-waist; two flannel skirts, three shirts, four pairs of drawers, three aprons, five vests, one hat, eight pairs of stockings, four collars, eight ties, one guimpe; "F. E. U. A. W.," four flannelette petticoats, two pairs of drawers, twelve aprons; Mrs. Edwin A. Hildreth, one eider flannel wrapper; Mary and Anna Woodman, a canary and cage; "Sewing Club, Limited," four aprons, two nightdresses, three flannelette nightdresses; "The Guild," five flannel petticoats, three infants' nightdresses; "Volunteer Mission Band," North Avenue Baptist Church, two large boxes of candy; Boston Flower Mission, a large bunch of roses; Mrs. R. N. Toppan, three flannel nightdresses, five waists, two boys' suits, one pair of linen trousers, one tie, toys; "The Club," one flannelette blouse, one skirt; Mr. Carey, a quantity of roses, eight flags; "A Friend," carnations.

July. Mrs. Walter Woodman, two pairs of shoes; Mrs. H. Westcott, fire-crackers, torpedoes, fireworks; Mrs. S. G. Bulfinch, one baby's nightdress; Miss Batchelder, a muslin dress, a ball; "A Friend," one boy's suit.

August. "F. E. U. A. W.," one apron; Mrs. H. M. Lee, a bushel of apples; Boston Flower Mission, a box of flowers; Mrs. H. B. McIntire, a

pair of slippers; Ladies of Clifton Heights, a day's outing for the children; Mrs. W. E. Stone, three woollen dresses, two girls' coats, three skirts, a girl's jersey, three woollen petticoats; three cotton nightdresses, one cotton petticoat, one waist, one pair of shoes, copies of magazine; "Sewing Club, Limited," two aprons.

September. George G. Page Box Factory, fifty-four baskets of wood; Mrs. Leach, magazines; Miss F. W. Pike, games, blocks, a scrap-book; Dr. M. Wyman, a basket of pears; Mrs. H. M. Lee, a basket of pears; "The Basket Club," eight flannelette petticoats; Mrs. Kidder, cards; through Dr. Swan, hospital supplies; Mrs. Rindge, magazines.

October. Mrs. William Read, pears and peaches; Marian Read, one box of picture blocks, one box of plain blocks, a boy's blouse, a doll; Mrs. L. Dennison, games, books, toys, marbles; Mrs. Porter, four books; Mrs. W. E. Stone, games and toys; Mrs. T. L. Smith, one barrel of sweet potatoes, one barrel of pears; Mrs. I. M. Spelman, fourteen hoods; Mrs. Faulkner, pears; Young People's Society, St. Bartholomew's Church, bread, pies, crackers, cheese, cooked meat; Mrs. Warnock, crackers; Miss Harriet E. Wyeth, a bushel of apples; Mrs. Bennett, one suit, a pair of pantaloons; Mrs. R. N. Toppan, one overcoat, one rain coat, one pair of trousers, a flannel skirt, two pairs of boots, six collars, a pair of skates, a game; Mrs. C. F. Batchelder, eight white piqué dresses, four union suits, two gingham dresses, four nightgowns, two pairs of shoes; Oak Grove Creamery, five quarts of milk daily in addition to the quantity purchased.

BY-LAWS OF THE AVON HOME.

Article I.

Name. — The name of this Corporation shall be "The Avon Home." Its object shall be to provide a Home for Children found destitute within the limits of Cambridge.

Article II.

Membership. — The members of this Corporation shall be twenty-three in number, to be called Trustees. Vacancies shall be caused by death, resignation, or by failure to attend for twelve consecutive months some meeting of the Corporation, without excuse satisfactory to the Trustees. When such failure occurs, the Trustees shall by vote record the fact, and declare the membership vacant. Vacancies shall be filled by the unanimous vote of the remaining Trustees. This article of the By-Laws shall not be altered, except by the unanimous vote of the Trustees.

Article III.

Officers. — The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Clerk, and two Auditors, to be chosen by ballot from the Trustees at the annual meeting, or at some adjournment thereof, and to hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified. They shall severally perform the customary duties of such officers ; and the President, or a committee previously appointed for the purpose, and Treasurer shall report at the annual meeting. The accounts

of the Treasurer shall be audited at least once every year. The Trustees may, from time to time, appoint committees to aid in the transaction of business.

At the annual meeting the Trustees shall elect, to serve till the next annual meeting, a Board of Advisers, to consist of five or more persons, not Trustees, who may be called upon to consult and advise with the Trustees, and may be requested to meet with any of their committees or to assist in their work.

Article IV.

Meetings. — The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held at the Avon Home on the second Friday in November, at such hour as the Trustees may appoint. Regular meetings shall be held every month at some convenient place. Special meetings may be called by the President or any two Trustees, upon two days' notice, to be given by the Clerk. Eleven Trustees shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting, and seven Trustees at any regular or special meeting.

Article V.

Seal. — The seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form, with the inscription, "The Avon Home, Cambridge, 1874," and shall be kept by the Clerk.

Article VI.

Amendments. — These By-Laws, with the exception of Article II., may be amended by a majority vote of all the Trustees at any annual meeting, or by the unanimous vote of the Trustees at any regular or special meeting, provided that a notice of the proposed amendment has been inserted in the call for such meeting.

RULES OF THE AVON HOME.

I. In admitting destitute children to the Home, preference shall be given in the following order: *First*, to orphans and foundlings; *Secondly*, to those whose parents or guardians surrender them to the Corporation for the purpose of adoption, or during minority; and *Thirdly*, to those not so surrendered.

Boys over seven and girls over twelve years of age shall not be admitted to the Home; and, in general, boys over nine and girls over thirteen shall not remain at the Home.

Any child admitted to the Home temporarily, without the parent or guardian giving up the child to the Corporation, in writing, for the purpose of adoption or during minority, shall be admitted for a definite time only; and at the end of that time, if the same reasons continue to exist, the Trustees may readmit the child for a further definite time, unless the child is given up as above stated.

II. Except in cases of urgent necessity, no child shall be admitted to the Home without the consent, in writing, of two members of the Committee on Admission, or should there not be two members in the city, of any three Trustees, and a certificate of examination from the Visiting Physician. Each child shall be admitted to the Home for three months on probation; this period may be extended three months longer at the discretion of the Committee on Admission. Each case, accompanied by a full statement of the circumstances, shall be reported to the Corporation at its next regular meeting, and at the end of the period of probation the Corporation shall decide whether or not to admit the child for a definite time.

III. Every child must be vaccinated before entering the Home, unless specially excused by the Committee on Admission.

IV. No visit of a longer period than a day, or over night, to friends or relatives shall be allowed unless under distinctly favorable conditions, approved by one member of the Committee on Admission and the Matron, and reported in writing to the Trustees at their next meeting.

V. All the children shall attend the same Protestant church and Sunday School, unless specially excused by vote of the Corporation.

VI. In case of death, no child shall be taken from the Home for burial without a religious service being held at the Home, except with the consent of one of the Committee on Admission, who fully understands the reasons for removal.

VII. The parents and relatives of the children shall be admitted to the Home on the first Sunday and third Thursday of each month, from 3 to 5 P. M., and at no other times, except by a special written permit from one of the Trustees. The nursery and playroom only shall be open to the parents and relatives of the children, except in cases of sickness.

Others interested in the Home will be welcome at any time.

VIII. The Matron shall have full authority in the Home, subject only to these rules and the votes of the Corporation and of the Executive Committee. She shall attend the meetings of the Committees on Adoption and Discharge, on Provisions and House Supplies, and on Clothing.

The Matron shall keep a journal of daily happenings and from it make a short written report for the regular meeting of the Corporation, mentioning such exceptional matters as should be made known to the Corporation.

The Matron and Assistant Matron shall not be absent from the Home at the same time, unless by special consent of the Monthly Visitor.

IX. At the annual meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, the President shall appoint the Monthly Visitors for the ensuing year, arranged in two lists, those on one list to begin visiting on the first of each month, and those on the other list to begin on the fifteenth, each to visit the Home one month. It shall

be the duty of the Visitors, during their term, to visit the Home at least twice a week, and at various hours of the day, some of these visits to be on the visiting days for parents; to examine all parts of the house and to report in writing at the regular meeting, stating the number of children at the Home and the changes that have occurred since the last meeting, and making any suggestions and criticisms regarding the management of the Home that should be brought to the attention of the Trustees.

X. The Standing Committees of the Corporation, to be appointed by the President at the annual meeting, shall be as follows: —

1. A Committee on Admission, who, in addition to the duties mentioned above, shall keep a register containing the names, ages, and birthplaces of the children, date of admission, and any other information obtained.

2. A Committee on Adoption and Discharge, who shall be thoroughly acquainted with the case of every child placed in the Home, and shall, so far as possible, secure permanent homes elsewhere for those given up to the Corporation. They shall also continue to have an oversight of all children who have left the Home, but have not returned to their parents or immediate relatives.

3. A Committee on Clothing, who shall have entire charge of all clothing that goes into the Home, and shall attend to all cutting done there. Every gift of clothing of any kind, if sent first to the Home, must be laid aside by the Matron, and not used till examined by one of the committee. Every gift of goods or money for clothing is to go to the chairman of the committee.

4. A Committee on Provisions and House Supplies, who shall have entire charge of that department. All bills for such supplies, after approval by one of the committee, are to be paid monthly.

5. A Committee on Repairs, who shall attend promptly to all necessary repairs, when the amount to be expended does not exceed fifty dollars; an amount exceeding that sum must not be expended without previously obtaining the consent of the Corporation.

6. A Committee on Investments, who shall advise with the Treasurer in regard to the investment of the permanent and other funds.

7. An Executive Committee, who shall have, in the interval between the meetings of the Corporation, all the powers of the Trustees, except as to the expenditure of sums exceeding fifty dollars. This Committee shall report any exercise of its powers at the next meeting of the Corporation for its approval.

The chairman of each committee shall present at the annual meeting a full report, in writing, of the work of the committee for the preceding year.